MR. K. GEORGE: It may range from one year, perhaps, to several years.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: In view of the answer that the improvements may be several years old, may I know why steps were not taken hitherto either to evict the occupants or to register the lands in their favour?

MR. K. GEORGE: The question of registry is under the consideration of Government.

Dpeutation of the Registrar of Co-operative Societies for training abroad.

81. ❋MR. V. S. ARUMUKHAM PILLAI (*Tovala* cum *Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the present Registrar of Co-operative Societies was deputed by the Government to study co-operation in British India;

(*b*) if so, when it was and for how long;

(*c*) whether he was paid his salary during such period:

(*d*) whether he was given any deputation allowance;

(*e*) if so, the amount spent by the Government apart from his salary;

(*f*) the nature of the training he underwent;

(*g*) whether the Government are in a position to say that the training which he has undergone has stood him in good stead; and

(*h*) whether he has training before he was appointed Registrar of Co-operative Societies?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) From 3rd Idavom 1107 to 4th Dhanu 1109.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Rs. 319.

(*f*) He toured in Madras, Bengal and Punjab Presidencies and studied the working of the Co-operative movement in accordance with the programme prepared by the Registrar of Co-operative Societies of those Provinces.

(*g*) Yes.

(*h*) Yes.

Enquiry regarding cocoanut cultivation in the State.

83. ❋MR. M. N. NARAYANA MENON (*Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether one Mr. Patel, an expert, toured the country to make enquiries regarding cocoanut cultivation, copra, etc., in Travancore;

(*b*) whether an expert from the Agricultural Department was also deputed to help him;

(*c*) whether the Travancore Government have incurred any expenditure on this account;

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(*d*) whether they consider that cocoanut cultivators in Travancore are to be benefited in any way, from their tour and enquiry; and

(*e*) if so, in what way?

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes, the travelling allowance paid to the Mycologist for the journeys he performed in company with Dr. Patel.

(*d*) How far the results of the enquiry will prove beneficial to the cocoanut cultivators of Travancore can be ascertained only after seeing the report of Dr. Patel.

(*e*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*d*) above.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: May I know whether Dr. Patel is bound to submit a Report to the Travancore Government?

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: He has instructions to submit a report to the Government of India.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: May I know whether there is any understanding that any report about conditions here should be made available to the Government of Travancore?

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: His investigation is supposed to cover details about the cultivation of cocoanut all over the Indian Empire and Ceylon. Travancore is an important cocoanut-growing country; naturally, he will include it in his report.

MR. KOMILEZHATHU SANKARAN (*Nominated*): Has the local cocoanut palm disease been brought to the notice of Dr. Patel?

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: He knew of the prevalence of the disease here as well as in some other cocoanut-growing countries even before he came here.

MR. KOMILEZHATHU SANKARAN: Has he suggested any solution?

MR K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: He is not a specialist in micology. The cocoanut plam disease prevalent here is fungoid in nature. So, we cannot expect any suggestions from him for its eradication.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: May I know whether the Travancore Government has spent anything in connection with Dr. Patel's visit to Travancore?

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: No.

Export duty on copra.

84. *MR. M. N. NARAYANA MENON: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the names of countries where the cocoanut is largely cultivated;

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